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SUBJ: CORPORACION AZUCARERA LA VICTORIA - ALANJE SUGAR MILL-
CHIRIQUI PROVINCE

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1. EMBASSY COMMENTED IN GENERAL TERMS ON PRIORITY AND POLITICO-ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE OF SUBJECT PROJECT IN PARA TWO REF B. OUR PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF REALIBILITY OF SUPPLY OF SUGAR CANE TO ALANJE MILL FOLLOWS. WE ARE UNABLE TO MAKE MORE COMPLETE ASSESSMENT UNTIL NEXT WEEK. THESE INTERIM COMMENTS BASED ON PAST VISITS OF EMBOFF TO CHIRIQUI AND OTHER SUGAR-GROWING AREAS OF PANAMA AND HIS FOLLOWING SUGAR MILL PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS PAST TWO YEARS.

2. ALANJE AREA OF CHIRIQUI APPEARS, FROM SEVERAL VIEWPOINTS, ONE OF BEST AREAS OF PANAMA FOR GROWING SUGARCANE. SOIL REPORTEDLY IS FERTILE, RELATIVELY LEVEL AND AMPLE IN AREA (ABOUT 50,000 HECTORES). SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE WATER APPEARS ADEQUATE, AS SEVERAL RIVERS AND STREAMS CROSS THIS COASTAL STRIP. CHIRIQUI HAS LONG BEEN CONSIDERED MOST AGRICULTURALLY ADVANCED AREA OF COUNTRY AND INHABITANTS ARE MORE FREE-ENTERPRISE ORIENTED. KNOW-HOW IN SUGAR CANE CULTIVATION IS AVAILABLE

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IN AREA AS RESULT OF ADJACENT CANE FIELDS OF CARTA VIEJA RUM

FACTORY AND NEARBY MOLASSES/PANELA SUGAR MILL. CARTA VIEJA
OWNER IS A MEMBER OF 4-MAN COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO WORK WITH
GOVERNMENT IN BUILDING AND OPERATING ALANJE MILL. CORPORACION
AZUCARERA LA VICTORIA WHICH HAS COORDINATING RESPONSIBILITY FOR
PROJECT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN BRINGING ITS NEW SANTIAGO MILL
ON STREAM AND TO NEAR-CAPACITY PRODUCTION IN VERY SHORT TIME.
THIS GOAL ACHIEVED DESPITE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH JAPANESE
EQUIPMENT AND DIFFICULTIES WITH UNSKILLED WORKERS AND GROWERS IN
SANTIAGO AREA. CONVERSATIONS WITH BUSINESSMEN AND
FARMERS IN DAVID-ALANJE AREA REVEALS ENTHUSIASM, OPTIMISM
AND GENERAL PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR PROJECTED MILL. FARMERS REALIZE
THT POTENTIAL RETURNS FROM SUGARCANE CONSIDERABLY GREATER THAN
FROM RICE AND OTHER CROPS NOW GROWN ON SOME OF THIS LAND. EMBASSY
WILL ATTEMPT TO SECURE INFORMATION ON STEPS BANCO NACIONAL,
BANCO AGROPECUARIO AND OTHER ENTITIES PLAN TO TAKE TO ENSURE
CANE SUPPLY TO MILL. BASED ON ABOVE, ESPECIALY SUCCESS OF LA
VICTORIA MILL, IT WOULD APPEAR LIKELY THAT THIS SUPPLY WILL BE
ASSURED.
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